

POLICEMEN FAIL IN PASSAIC RUM HUNT

Clubwomen, However, Find Children Able to Buy Drink at Bars.

THEY CAUSE 2 ARRESTS

Miss Smith Will Present Her Batch of 200 Confessions to School Board.

The small remnant of placidity which Passaic, N. J., still knew yesterday morning had vanished entirely last night because of the day's developments concerning the charges of Miss Alma L. Smith, principal of Public School No. 2, that saloon keepers have been selling beer and whiskey to her youthful pupils, and that 200 of them have come into their class rooms in the last few weeks under the influence either of liquor or of "cough drops" containing narcotics which they obtained at local drug stores.

The publication of the accusations raised a storm. Police officials expressed scepticism and several private inquiries were started in an attempt to discredit Miss Smith's statements. Despite ringing editorials in the local newspapers the tide of public opinion appeared to halt and then to waver yesterday forenoon until the Mayor, George N. Seger, turned unhesitatingly on his sick bed and spoke:

"If, as Miss Smith says, 200 out of her 500 children have been under the influence of stimulants this thing must have been going on for some time. I hope Miss Smith has the evidence necessary to obtain convictions. If she hasn't those who have sold liquor to the children probably will refrain for a time and then start in again. She deserves the greatest credit for her work and will have the fullest support of all the city departments."

Police Begin Seizure.

The immediate effect of the Mayor's last sentence was the despatch of members of the police force into the neighborhood of the school with orders to maintain the strictest watch upon all saloons and prevent anything that could possibly reflect upon the fair name of the city. Although the police themselves caught no culprits yet, Mrs. I. Waters Sylvester and Mrs. John B. Fitchett, both of whom are interested in child welfare work, were more successful.

Mrs. Sylvester is the only woman member of the Board of Education, is president of the Monday Afternoon Club, a leader in the New Jersey State Federation of Women's Clubs and an art authority. Mrs. Fitchett is equally prominent. The two gave a ten-year-old lad some silver and sent him into the saloon of William Tolenko at 123 Second street with instructions to buy a half pint of whiskey if possible. They assert that the boy returned a few minutes later with the liquor. Then Mrs. Sylvester and Mrs. Fitchett, accompanied by Mrs. Robert Yates, assistant attendance officer of the School Department, entered the establishment and told the bartender exactly what they thought.

Girl Also Buys Drink.

A similar incident occurred, so Mrs. Sylvester and Mrs. Fitchett later told Judge Costello, in the police court, at Abraham Costello's saloon at 12 Third street. In this instance the purchase was made by an eleven-year-old girl instead of a lad, according to the complaint. The two saloon proprietors were arrested, charged with selling liquor to minors, and their cases were continued until Monday.

PLEA MADE TO HALT NATIONWIDE STRIKE

Secretary Wilson Issues Appeal in Mooney Case.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—An appeal to the workers of the country not to engage in a nationwide strike as a protest in the case of Thomas J. Mooney was issued today by Secretary of Labor Wilson.

In a telegram to Otto A. Hartwig, president of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, the Secretary said that if the evidence now available is sufficient to convince a jury that "there has been a conspiracy to convict Mooney there is every probability that he will obtain a new trial and have his guilt or innocence determined by a jury in the light of the facts that are known to exist."

The Secretary added the only effect of a strike "would be to bring into disrepute and tend to destroy the jury system of trial, which is the result of a thousand years struggle in the part of the masses to protect themselves against criminals on the one hand and profiteering on the other."

Many labor unions over the country have voted to strike December 9 as a protest in the Mooney case. Their action was taken before Gov. Stephens commuted Mooney's death sentence to life imprisonment, but officials of the American Federation of Labor have publicly announced that the Governor's action did not meet the demands of labor in the case.

Grip Sweeps Society Island.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Consular advice to the State Department today from Papeete, capital of Tahiti, in the Society Islands, said Spanish influenza had created a grave situation there and that the authorities had sent out an appeal for assistance.

U. S. MINTS SET NEW OUTPUT RECORDS

More Than 714,000,000 Coins Are Manufactured.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The money-making business was highly profitable for the Government in the last year. The annual report of Raymond T. Baker, Director of the Mint, made public today, shows that the seigniorage was \$20,535,000 on \$43,596,000 worth of coins minted during the year ended June 30. This means that the actual value of the silver, nickel and bronze made into coins was \$20,535,000 less than the face value at which they were issued.

The year's work, stimulated by war to such an extent that the three mints were kept busy twenty-four hours a day, established a new record for production. More than 714,000,000 coins were manufactured, as compared with 406,000,000 the year before, a high record at that time. The greatest demand was for one-cent pieces, of which 445,000,000 were minted. Next the country needed new dimes, and 116,000,000 of these were made; \$2,723,000 nickels, 45,223,000 quarters and 24,105,000 half dollars were turned out. No gold was minted.

HOUSTON FORESEES BIG WHEAT YIELD

Says Acreage Planted Has Exceeded 45,000,000 He Requested.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Tribute to the part played by the nation's soil tillers in winning the war is paid by Secretary Houston in his annual report for 1918 transmitted to Congress today by the White House. Bumper crops were grown both this year and last in spite of adverse weather, the Secretary says, and the millions of men and women and boys and girls on the farm with the organized agencies assisting them performed satisfactorily the supremely important task of sustaining their own country and those associated with it in the war.

Emphasizing the difficulties and the absence of dramatic glamour in the war job of the farmer, Mr. Houston speaks with satisfaction of the change during the past year toward giving agriculture a larger place in the newspapers and magazines and the world's thought and bringing the great urban populations into closer touch with rural life.

Planted Acreage Increased.

Pointing out that the size of the harvest may not measure the labors of the farmer, Mr. Houston records that the acreage planted this year in principal products aggregated 259,000,000 acres, or more by 5,600,000 acres than in the preceding record year. Despite unfavorable climatic conditions, estimated yields for the year, with 1917 comparisons, were:

Corn, bushels.....	2,745,784,000	3,169,954,000
Wheat, bushels.....	1,910,000,000	2,020,000,000
Oats, bushels.....	1,650,000,000	1,840,000,000
Berley, bushels.....	236,240,000	268,975,000
Rye, bushels.....	71,897,000	69,145,000
Barley, bushels.....	18,270,000	17,460,000
Rice, bushels.....	41,918,000	36,274,000
Sorghum, bushels.....	1,812,000	1,847,000
Portulaca, bushels.....	280,101,000	442,131,000
Beans, bushels.....	17,400,000	17,400,000
Apples, bushels.....	17,400,000	17,400,000
Tobacco, pounds.....	1,348,616,000	1,194,451,000
Cotton, bales.....	1,113,000	1,182,000

Estimated meat, milk and wool production is shown as follows:

Beef, pounds.....	1,910,000,000	2,020,000,000
Pork, pounds.....	1,650,000,000	1,840,000,000
Wool, pounds.....	48,000,000	51,200,000
Milk, gallons.....	4,129,000,000	4,283,000,000
Wool (including pulled wool).....	295,921	281,375
Eggs, dozens.....	1,321,000,000	1,384,000,000
Poultry, number.....	680,000,000	675,000,000

Wheat Prospects Good.

Of next year's prospects the report says: "This fall the Department, the Agricultural Colleges and other agencies carried on a campaign for a large wheat acreage. It was suggested that at least 45,000,000 acres of wheat should be planted. The informal indications are that the farmers exceeded this."

"For the ensuing months the nation is likely to be called upon for large quantities of available food and feeds to supply not only the peoples with whom we cooperated in the war, but also those of the neutrals and the Central Powers. This will involve a continuation of conservation on the part of our people and probably of the maintenance of a satisfactory range of prices for food products during the period."

Increased values for all farm products are shown. "On the basis of prices that have recently prevailed," says the report, "the value of all crops produced in 1918 and of live stock on farms on January 1, including horses, mules, cattle, sheep, swine and poultry, is estimated to be \$24,700,000,000, compared with \$21,325,000,000 for 1917, \$15,800,000,000 for 1916, \$12,550,000,000 for 1914 and \$11,700,000,000 for the five year average."

Continuation of the form of control exercised over stockyards and packing houses under war powers is strongly recommended. Secretary Houston says the Federal farm loan bank system began operations under the troubled conditions of the world war and its activities were impeded, but in spite of these difficulties it has made remarkable headway, and there is little doubt that with the return of peace its development will be rapid and will more and more fill the expectations of the people.

5 PLANES CROSSING COUNTRY.

Army Fliers Get U. S. Sanction to Attempt Difficult Feat.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Major Albert D. Smith, commanding a squadron of five army airplanes which left San Diego Wednesday for El Paso, received authority today from the War Department to continue the trip to the Atlantic seaboard if possible.

If the transcontinental flight is made it will be the first by a military aircraft formation.

Senate Confirms Glass Nomination.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The nomination of Representative Carter Glass to be Secretary of the Treasury to succeed William G. McAdoo was confirmed today by the Senate without objection.

SCION OF FIGHTING FAMILY IS KILLED

Lieut. Charles A. Minton's Forefathers Have Fought in All America's Wars.

FELL IN THE ARGONNE

Was Descendant of Matthias Nicoll, Mayor of New York in 1671.

Lieut. Charles A. Minton, 305th Infantry, a Camp Upton regiment, died October 18 of wounds received in action October 13 in the attack on Grand Pré. He was the son of J. McKim Minton, New York. He was a graduate of the Virginia Military Institute of the class of 1910. He received his commission as second lieutenant at the first Plattsburg camp. After training in bombing at Fort Sill he left for France with his regiment last April. He was in the fighting in the Argonne Forest September 26, and was wounded while acting as company commander.

Members of Lieut. Minton's family have served in all wars of the republic, including the Revolution. He was a descendant of Matthias Nicoll, Mayor of New York City in 1671, grandson of the late Charles A. Minton, for many years secretary of the New York Yacht Club and financial editor of the New York Herald, and a nephew of Dr. Lancey Nicoll. Lieut. Minton was a member of the Union Club and of the Alumni Association of Virginia Military Institute. He was unmarried.

In a letter to friends Corporal John C. Lammerting, Eleventh Engineers, wounded July 20, says he was treated for hours in a dugout because of heavy bombardment. His home is at 721 Pearl street, Elizabeth, N. J.

Corporal Herman W. Meyer, 15, 250 Martense street, Brooklyn, was hit twice by machine gun bullets while trying to save his machine gun, according to a letter from him to his mother, Mrs. Clara Cleland.

Mrs. W. Blaser, College Point, has received a letter from her son Charles, 108th Infantry, describing the funeral of a College Point boy, Corporal Edward J. Stagg, who was killed in action, and relating this incident:

"We were watching the enemy while resting and several of our men saw a

German waving his hands for us to come to him. No one thought it safe to go. I took a chance myself and walked out 150 yards from where my pals were stationed. They cried to me to look out, that he was trying to play a trick, but I went right ahead while the firing was going on. I asked him what he wanted and he told me a drink of water. I gave him a drink from my canteen, and then he told me to look under his shirt and showed me a shrapnel wound. He started to cry and I felt sorry for him. He said, 'Comrade, shoot me,' and pointed to his head. Mother, I took my pistol and did my duty, and then went back to my pals."

BURIAL PACT WITH FRANCE.

U. S. Agreed to Let Soldiers Lie Where They Died.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The War Department's decision that the bodies of American soldiers who lost their lives in France should remain buried there until after the end of the war was reached in agreement with the French Government, this is disclosed in the annual report of Major-Gen. Harris, Adjutant General.

"Under articles agreed upon by the United States and the French Government, all soldiers who die in France are to be buried in France until the termination of the war."

BIG MARINE DEAL PROGRESSES

Colby Says Negotiations Are Proceeding as Fast as Possible.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Negotiations for the sale of the British tonnage of the International Mercantile Marine to the United States still are under way and are progressing, Bainbridge Colby of the Shipping Board said today.

"In this transaction," said Mr. Colby, "there are many elements that call for express definition. The matter as a whole is proceeding with as much celerity as could be expected."

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SENDS FIRST LIST OF EX-PRISONERS

Pershing Cables Names of 21 Americans Released From German Camps.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Names of American soldiers released from prison camps in Germany began arriving at the War Department today. The first list included twenty-one men, probably from some of the smaller camps, who have arrived in France.

Word is expected momentarily of the release of the 2,300 Americans at Hattstatt, information regarding whose welfare was given several days ago in advice to Red Cross headquarters there. Enlisted men named to-day are: SCHATTENBURG, George A., Dulock, Cal.; MARTIN, Gerald, Afton, N. Y.; LAPPEN, Levi L., 35 Bellevue st., Hartford, Conn.; WILLIAM T. St. Joseph, Mo.; GUNNIN, William H., Philadelphia; FRANKLIN, John H., Leavenworth, Kan.; FARLEY, Clyde J., Tarkio, Mo.; DEANER, James M., Chicago; DANIELSON, Oscar, Bellevue, Minn. (W.); NAPLES, Sam, Italy (W.); CURTIS, Eugene F., Northfield, Conn.; HAINES, Edwin H., Woodward, Okla.; McDONALD, Frank E., Marysville, Minn.; MURKIN, Nicholas, 189 20th st., Jersey City, N. J.; O'CONNOR, William F., 90 Mechanic st., New Haven, Conn.; REID, Joseph, 81 Lewis st., New Haven, Conn.; HICKMAN, Andrew, 809 Albert st., Long Island City, N. Y.; JENSEN, John Edward, Charlotte, N. C.; KNAUERBERG, Carl L., Fairview, Minn.; BEAR, Harry L., Park Ridge, Ill.; SIMMERMAN, George, Bartlesville, Okla.

New Zealand Liquor Referendum.

Wellington, New Zealand, Dec. 6.—The New Zealand General Assembly has passed the liquor bill, providing for a national referendum, to be held probably in April, on the questions of the continuance of the liquor license system or prohibition with compensation to liquor interests. A bare majority will decide.

BAUDOUINE ESTATE NEAR SETTLEMENT

Grows From \$1,300,000 to \$2,500,000 in 22 Years.

The approval by Surrogate Fowler yesterday of the accounting of the estate of Charles A. Baudouine, once widely known here as a horseman and whip, as made by Charles A. and John P. Baudouine, his grandsons, who were named as trustees, will, it is believed, result in the settlement of the suit for the removal of this suit, which is on Justice Erlanger's calendar for Monday, was begun by Mrs. Marguerite B. Burke, a daughter of John P. Baudouine. The value of the estate at the time Mr. Baudouine died in 1896, when he was more than 80 years old, was \$1,300,000. It is now assessed at \$2,500,000.

The accounts of the trustees cover a period of twenty-two years and show that they received a gross income of \$4,503,571. Relatives made legatees under the will received \$2,524,000 during the same period, and the cost of maintaining the fifteen pieces of New York real property, which made up the bulk of the estate, amounted to \$1,994,099.

Charles F. Baudouine, one of the trustees, is now recovering from a serious illness. He and his brother are represented by Shearman & Sterling. John A. Garver, senior member of that firm, said yesterday that the estate could not have made a "better showing" if it had been invested in Government bonds at the time Mr. Baudouine died.

Crippled Children's School Bazaar.

The workroom girls of the Crippled Children's East Side Free School, 157 Henry street, will hold a bazaar there Sunday afternoon. They will offer for sale useful gifts for the holidays which are their own handiwork, knitting bags, handkerchiefs, camisoles, dolls, dollies, &c. The proceeds are to go to the Becky Rubin Sick Fund which was established to pay the workers part of their wages during illness.

Widow Principal Lewisohn Help.

Jesse Lewisohn, who died in the Hotel Netherland November 30, left his personal effects and two-thirds of his residuary estate to his widow, Edna R. Lewisohn. The other third goes to his brother, Frederick Lewisohn, 835 Fifth avenue. The estate is estimated at "more than \$10,000."

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